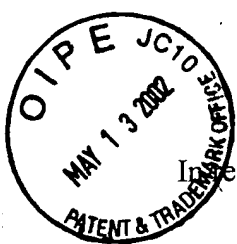


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Delete the attorney docket number, "6602", and insert therefor --Attorney Docket No. 11684.06--.

Delete paragraph 2, page 2, lines 11-19, under the heading "Reference to Related Applications", in its entirety, and insert therefor the following paragraph:

The present application is related to the following applications, all of which are

incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth: United States Patent Application entitled "Apparatus and Method for Secure Downloading of Files," application number 09/492,844 filed

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